

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 783

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rob Watkins on being named Veteran of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of their country and their fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our State and nation, the distinguished service of every proud Tennessee veteran should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean is Rob Watkins, who was recently honored as Veteran of the Year by Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 102 in Newport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins received this prestigious award during a ceremony that also featured the dedication of a new flag pole at DAV Chapter 102; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins has devoted more than forty years of his life to assisting his fellow veterans in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, he has worked exhaustively with elected officials to raise awareness about veterans' issues at both the State and national level; and

WHEREAS, a true Tennessee treasure, Rob Watkins exemplifies servant leadership and is a valuable resource for his community; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his military service and civic engagement that are inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Mr. Watkins to the full extent of our ability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Rob Watkins on being named Veteran of the Year by Disabled American Veterans Chapter 102 in Newport, salute his faithful service to his fellow veterans, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.